

28 Nov '78

Dear Mr. Newman,

My name is David Davis. I am a fellow numismatist specializing in U. S. silver coins of the capped bust design. After years of collecting bust halves by Seistle and then Gorton, I branched out into 1/2 dimes. While working on the Quarterman reprint of Valentine I developed an appetite for research and went from there into dimes.

It didn't take long to find out several had done some writing but none of them had published. I have located three sets of notes (Clapp, Whitbeck and Woods) an old manuscript by Walter Green. The last three mentioned, A. Kosoff and others have encouraged my efforts to write the book.

Since I started six years ago I have been joined by three other collectors and we have been able to come up with 147 different die marriages from 1796 thru 1837. As we start typing up our manuscript and assembling the book we are canvassing the collecting fraternity to confirm our research.

Because of the publicity for the QMS robbery I learned of your two 1796 dimes. Is it possible to find out what else you have and what varieties they are? Do you have any knowledge of the 1792 dime or know where I might be able to get a good photograph of one? I have not had much luck trying to contact Mrs. R.H. Morweb about her collection.

If you have knowledge of any other significant dime collections I would appreciate hearing of them.

Thanks,

David J. Davis

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 13, 1978

Mr. David J. Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of 28 November 1978. I am very pleased that you are working on the subject of the early dimes.

There were three 1792 dimes in silver. I believe the Norweb specimen is the only complete one. One has had the date removed and one is in miserable condition that I do not remember. I have seen them all. Mrs. Norweb is not well enough to cooperate with you at this time but perhaps her dime has been photographed for the ANS and you might ask there.

I have a dime in copper which was among the coins stolen and returned.

My regular dime collection is very spotty but perhaps after the holidays I might be able to check up on anything you are concerned with.

The best of luck on your publication.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Dear Mr. Newman,

6 Jan '79

Your letter received and I thank you for your encouragement.

As a possible aid I am including a brief census form I made up for the early dimes. Any information you could provide about the coins in your collection would help.

If you would like to try attributing any of them please advise and I'll send you either photos or notes to use. If you have photos of any of them I would gladly reimburse you any cost involved in printing them.

Have re-read the Breen and R.W. Julian monographs about the 1792 dime. Did you ever do any writing about it? A new author planning to do a narrative book on dimes from 1792 - 1979 sent me his chapter on the 1792. It is all quite interesting. Can you provide me with some good blow-ups of your copper specimen?

Do you feel that any of the past authors have overlooked anything that might be worth investigating for our book??

Wish you the best of luck in '79.

Sincerely,

David J. Sans

1796 1-A
2-A
2-B
3-B
4-C
5-D

1797 1-A ¹⁶ STARS
2-A ¹³ STARS

1798/7 1-A ¹⁶ STARS
" 1-B ¹³ STARS
SH. 8 2-C
MED. 8 3-D

1800 1-A NARROW A's
1-B WIDE A's

1801 1-A
2-B

1802 1-A
2-B

1803 1-A
1-B
1-C NARROW A's
2-D

1804 1-A ¹³ STARS
1-B ¹⁴ STARS

1805 1-A ⁵ BEERIES
1-B ⁴ BEERIES

1807 1-A

1

1809

1811

1814 LG. DT.
SM. DT.

1820

1821 LG. DT.
SM. DT.

1822

1823/2 LG. E's
SM. E's

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1824

1825

1827

1828 LG. DT.
SM. DT.1829 X-LG 10C.
LG. 10C.
MED. 10C.
SM. 10C.

1830

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1831

1832

1833

1834 Lg. 4

Sm. 4

1835

1836

1837

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February 19, 1979

Mr. David J. Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis:

My dime collection is not very exciting, but as far as varieties are concerned I need a better description than your list. Mr. Johnsen also wrote me.

Is there only one die variety of each type you list from 1807 on, or are you taking a census first before you look for varieties?

I have been in Antarctica so I did not have a chance to answer sooner.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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22 Feb '79

Dear Mr. Newman,

Welcome back from the land down under. Had heard you were visiting Antarctica. First season, I've met who visited there. Did you take one of the wildlife cruises? Hope you had good weather. Things sure have been a bit rough around here the past six weeks.

The census form I sent is only an introduction and, based on the results I get back, I then know how best to proceed.

My first desire is to know the size of a holding and the quality. If either is significant then I try to determine the origin of what are key dates for ^{our} research purposes.

If the holding is larger I then try to determine interest in varieties and furnish whatever is necessary to assess the contents.

The former is primarily to identify AU's and Uu's that are outside of the Auction market, which we have already surveyed. The latter is to attempt to locate any ~~dis~~ marriages that we haven't seen.

There are two or more varieties of every year except 1807, 1809, 1811, 1822 and 1824. We have identified 39 diff. die marriages for the early (1796-1807) issues and 120 for the later issues (1809-1837). Am enclosing a copy of our die marriage chart for 1796 if you would like to try your hand at it.

Are you going to comment on my questions in the letter of 6 Jan '79?

Sincerely,
David J. Davis

REVERSES

A	B	C	D
110 OTHER USES - 1796 106 ONLY			
4B	4B	5B	5B

OBSERVE
DIAGNOSTIC
DIFFERENCESO
B
S
E
R
V
E
S

1

NONE

NONE

NONE

S1- , S8- , S9- , S15-
Y NEARLY TOUCHES E9
DOT BEFORE L, 6 ALMOST TOUCH CURL
HIGH DICT LATE, - HYPHEN DATE

2

NONE

NONE

S1-UE, S8-B, S9-LH, S15-LE
TV JOIN, ER ALMOST TOUCH
S6-7 AND S7-8 WIDE SPACED
CLOSE PERFECT DATE

3

NONE

NONE

NONE

S1- , S2- , S9- , S15-
LIBE APART, ER TOUCH, TV JOIN
S1 TOUCHES CURL 2
1 IN DATE VERY FAR FROM CURL

4

NONE

NONE

NONE

S1- , S8- , S9- , S15-
ER TOUCH, RTV APART
S1 TOUCH CURL, S15 TOUCH DRAPERY
DATE 1 79 6 (WIDE LOW DATE)

5

NONE

NONE

NONE

1ST

1ST

S1- , S8- , S9- , S15-
S1-2, 2:3 APART, S13-14, 14-15 CLOSE
LI ALMOST TOUCH, I LEAVES RT./ABOVE L
DICT BREAK AT S2

REVERSE
DIAGNOSTIC
DIFFERENCES

4B REV. (20X13L)

AMERICA A.R. TOUCH LEAF-LET FOOT
AMERICA I. TOUCH LEAF-RT FOOT
SINGLE OUTER LEAF AT "D"

4B REV. (17X13L)

AMERICA E.I. TOUCH LEAF
TRIPLE LEAF UNDER "ST"
DOUBLE LEAF UNDER "AT"

5B REV. (16X13L)

LEAVES MERC. WITH UNITED "N.T."
AMERICA E.A. TOUCH LEAF-RT FOOT
BERRY DIRECTLY UNDER S1

5B REV. (18X13L)

AMERICA E. TOUCH LEAF - RT BASE
ALL T'S LOW AT BASE
LEAF BETWEEN "CA" NEARLY TOUCHES

(BREEN 17X12L)